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WOMAN'S WORLD.

DR. TALMAGE GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF WOMEN AS VOTERS.

New Occupations For Women.—The Duchess of York.—The Gainsborough Returns. Mrs. Amelia Bloomer.—Purity and Politics.—Woman Suffrage Means Peace.

Rev. T. De Witt Talmage has visited New Zealand, and in his usual breezy, sensational style writes home, giving his impressions of the country, which are very favorable. In his letter he says:

Another surprise to me is that female suffrage is in full blast. I found elegant ladies telling of their experience at the ballot box, and I hereby report to the American ladies now moving for the right of female suffrage that New Zealand is clear ahead of them and that the experiment has been made here successfully. Instead of the ballot box degrading woman, woman is here elevating the ballot box.

And why in New Zealand or America or anywhere else should man be so afraid to let woman have a vote? As though man himself had made such a grand use of it! Look at the illiterates and the incompetents who have been elected to office and see how poorly the masculines have exercised the right of suffrage. Look at the governments of nine-tenths of the American cities and see what work the ballot box has done in the possession of man. Man at the ballot box is a failure. Give woman a chance.

I am not clear that governmental affairs will be made any better by the change, but they cannot be any worse. New Zealand has tried it. Let England and America try it. It is often said in America that if women had the right to vote they would not exercise it. For the refutation of that theory I put the fact that in the last election in New Zealand, of 109,000 women who registered 90,000 have voted, while of the 193,000 men who registered only 129,000 have voted. This ratio shows that women are more anxious to vote than men. Perhaps woman will yet save politics.

I know the charge that she is responsible for the ruin of her race since she first ate the forbidden fruit in paradise, but I think there is a chapter in that matter of Edenic fruit not written. I think that Adam, when he saw Eve eating that apple, asked for a bite, and getting it into his possession ate the most of it, and he immediately shook the tree for more apples and has been eating ever since.

If woman did first transgress, I cannot forget that she introduced into the world the only being who has ever done much toward saving it. Woman has started for suffrage, and she is a determined and persevering creature, and she will keep on until she gets it. She may yet decide the elections in England and elect presidents of the United States, as already she is busy in the political affairs of New Zealand.

New Occupation For Women.

A clever young woman in Chicago has come to the relief of mothers who give children's parties, but do not know what to do with the children after inviting them. Miss Ashburn plans the entertainment, games, dances, etc., makes out the menu for refreshments and directs the laying of the table. She is a fine musician and plays for the dancing herself, but this is not an indispensable qualification, for it is always easy to supply the music. However, there are other requisites for success in the occupation, and first of all is a love for children and a thorough understanding of how to give them a royally good time.

Miss Ashburn is familiar with all the old games and in devising interesting new ones. She enters into the sport with the liveliest zest, leading in the play, and is watchful to draw in the diffident, backward children who otherwise would play the tiresome role of wallflowers. She is clever and ingenious also in varying her programmes and providing some novelty for the rapidly succeeding parties.

At a recent one the climax was a fishing pond. In a bay window, screened off from the room, were as many parcels as there were guests. A little boy was appointed fisherman and given a fishing rod, and he drew forth the packages.

Each parcel contained a toy, and after Miss Ashburn had called the little folks about her and likened them to the pigeons of Venice, of which she told them, the fishing began. The fascinating uncertainty as to the contents of the packages kept up the interest to the end, and when the last fish was drawn the dining room door was opened, and the little folk went in to enjoy a dainty feast.—Boston Woman's Journal.

The Duchess of York.

The attention of the visitors at St. Moritz is at present concentrated on the two morning glories of the place—her royal highness the Duchess of York and her mother, the Duchess of Teck, both of whom go about as freely and with as little form as the very natives themselves. There are a few young people in attendance, it is true, but the hotel register alone betrays that. In the morning the Duchess of York walks about with a friend of her own age and seems to be very jolly and having a thoroughly good time, though it consists in nothing more than walking about to the different springs, occasionally stopping to listen to one of the many bands and looking in the jeweled windows with as much interest as if she had never seen any of the bucketfuls of jewels all her own packed up at St. James palace awaiting her return.

It is surprising there is never a crowd following or surrounding her, perhaps because it is difficult for a stranger to distinguish her among the throngs of English girls going about. She, in the rest, invariably dresses in ser skirt and coat, with sailor hat. Y have all read so much about her that



FOR A FALL WEDDING.

The gown on the right is of sil blue reps trimmed with white lace and white ribbons. The bridal robe is of white bengalies, with rich beading of seed pearls around the skirt and on the waist. Orange blossoms are set on the corsage and right side of the skirt; tulle veil, bunched up on the head. The gown on the left is of purple and silvery gray brocade trimmed with jet and with black velvet revers and point lace bow and front.

hardly need describe to you a girl taller than the average, with heavy awkward figure, her face strongly of the German type, with very small blue eyes, reticent nose and large lips so red as to suggest rouge, but with a thoroughly jolly, good natured expression. The Duchess of Teck is so stout that walking is no easy matter, but nevertheless she strolls about among the shops, receiving a very cordial welcome from all, for she is an old habitue of the place, and it is said more generously inclined than her august cousin, Victoria.—Boston Transcript.

The Gainsborough Returns.

Stepping into an ultra fashionable London shop two weeks ago, I asked the little milliner in charge to show me the very smartest hat designed for the opening season.

With the ubiquitous "Thank you" of the English saleswoman, regardless of whether you or she is doing the favor, my request was granted.

It was a Gainsborough. Had one of the famous framed ladies stepped down from the wall of the academy and offered her picturesque hat for sale the resemblance could not have been more perfect. And this shape beyond all question is to be the correct head covering for winter weather.

Velvet is the material preferred, though felt, of course, is always in vogue. At the right side, set at a coquettish angle, are a bunch of curled ostrich tips, while two narrow bands of velvet overlaid with jet passementerie encircle the crown, and lastly a brilliant jet buckle is decoratively placed, completing a charming confection.

The hat must be tilted a bit to the left, and underneath the right side of the brim must be added a long eared bow of light velvet that contrasts prettily with the hair and complexion.

Nine women out of every ten are delighted at the revival of this fashion, for the picturesque is always the most becoming.

The hat I saw was of black velvet and black tips, the jet crystallizing two pink velvet bands, while the bow on the under side was of the same material.

It was sold and sent home later to a New York woman and will probably be the first one worn there, although orders were already being filled for American buyers.—London Letter in Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Amelia Bloomer.

Not many people know how the name of Bloomer came to be applied to the style of woman's dress sometimes called the divided skirt. Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, after whom the garment was christened, resides with her husband in Council Bluffs, their residence today being the one in which they took up their abode 40 years ago, when Council Bluffs, now a city of 25,000 people, was a somewhat straggling village of 300 souls. Mrs. Bloomer, now 76 years old, carries her years easily, her 54 years of married life having been unmarred by other than the feeblest of temporary clouds. It was in 1851 that she began to wear the costume which is now known throughout the English speaking world as the bloomers.

She was then living at Seneca Falls, N. Y., where she was publishing a temperance paper called The Lily. In addition to being a Prohibition advocate the paper also devoted considerable space to the subject of woman suffrage. A Mrs. Miller, who in 1851 paid a visit to Seneca Falls, appeared in the bifurcated dress, and Mrs. Bloomer published a description of it. She and Elizabeth Cady Stanton adopted the style and advocated its general adoption. Mrs. Bloomer wore the costume on several lecture trips, and in this way it became associated with and finally known by her name. By and by Horace Greeley took the subject up and was followed by other editors, the result being that the bifurcated dress became known all over the country as the bloomers.—Chicago Post.

Purity and Politics.

In the west, says a Woman's Journal

correspondent, "the practical inconvenience that might be feared from the vote of immoral women has not been found to result where equal suffrage is an established fact. Judge Kingman of Wyoming says: We have had no trouble from the presence of bad women at the polls. It had been said that the delicate and cultured women would shrink away and the bold and indelicate come to the front in public affairs. This we feared, but nothing of the kind has happened. In Kansas during the early days of municipal suffrage for women an attempt was once or twice made to bring out bad women to vote in the interest of a particular candidate. In each case, as soon as the matter got wind, the good women of the place turned out in great indignation and buried that candidate out of sight under their votes.

"As the good women everywhere outnumbered the bad ones a hundred to one, candidates have grown wary by experience and now avoid any attempt to get the vote of the bad women as they would shun the smallpox. The dispatches from the Colorado elections reported that the three classes of women who generally neglected to vote were the very ignorant, the ultra fashionable and the demimonde. These women, as a rule, take no interest in politics and seldom vote unless special effort is made to bring them out, and the effort, as we have seen, is not made because it has been found that it does not pay."

Woman Suffrage Means Peace.

A political society of men alone, from which women are excluded, cannot maintain permanent peace because male human beings have in excess the belligerent instinct, which needs to be moderated by the humaner instinct of women. An anecdote of Bismarck is of great value as an official confirmation of what was perceived by those who were in a position to observe the French mind before 1870:

"The war of 1870-1 was not desired by Prussia. We were prepared for it. Knowing the French, we regarded it as certain some day or other. They had beaten the Russians in the Crimea, the Austrians in Italy. Our turn must come. War on the Rhine was fated, all the more because we had been the victors at Sedan. In 1867, being at Paris with the king, my master, on the occasion of the exhibition, I made the acquaintance of a French marshal—Valliant, I believe. He was governor of Paris. We chatted. He said to me, 'We shall cross bayonets some day.' 'Very well, if you like. But, if you please, why?' 'Because we are cocks, and one cock does not like to hear another crow louder than himself. At Sedan you crowed too loud.' 'Crowing' is an accomplishment confined solely to the male bird. According to Bismarck, it caused the Franco-Prussian war, with all its horrors.—Boston Woman's Journal.

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The Countess of Gasparin.

The Countess of Gasparin, who died recently, may be regarded as the pioneer of those Frenchwomen who have achieved distinction as explorers of comparatively unknown countries, prominent among them being the Princess de la Tour d'Auvergne, Mme. Boulbon, who explored the Himalayas; Mme. Charles Laurent, who traversed the desert of Petra; Mme. Dieulafoy of Persia exploration celebrity, and Mme. Leray, the mother of the Duc d'Abrantes, who spends the major part of her time in the wilds of Asia Minor. Mme. de Gasparin was born at Geneva in 1813 and was a sister of the celebrated botanist, Boissier. She became, in 1840, the wife of Count Agenor de Gasparin. No great lady of her time has been a more prolific, popular or graceful writer. Among those who bore tribute to her style was St. Beuve.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Bicycle Women and Their Dress.

The question what women shall wear when riding the bicycle bids fair to command an increasing degree of attention as the practice of wheeling grows in popularity among the gentler sex. It is growing rapidly, so much so that the question whether women shall indulge in this exercise is now rarely raised. Numerous attempts to do away with skirts have been made, but without any large degree of success in this country. The fact is that most of the "reform costumes" are decidedly ugly, and some of them closely approach the line which modesty forbids ladies to cross. Besides many feminine riders insist that skirts not too long and full are in no sense objectionable or dangerous and claim, with apparent reason, that the woman's method of mounting a bicycle is easier than the man's.—New York Letter.

Praise For Mlle. Chaminade.

Mlle. Chaminade, the French composer, a thorough musician, has produced over 100 songs and an equal number of orchestral works. Her name appeared recently for the first time in a Leipzig programme. A German critic says, "The performance of the composition, which was a concert piece for piano and orchestra, contradicts the saying that women are not capable of accomplishing noted work in the field of musical production."

The common council of Steinhilber, Silesia, have elected, for the protection of the village, a night watchwoman. She is said to be stalwart and resolute and takes a motherly interest in various small boys who are out at night.

Miss Catherine Power of Jackson, Miss., is president of the Mississippi Woman's Press club. She is a daughter of Colonel J. L. Power of The Clarion-Ledger and is associated with him in his business.

The assemblage of delegates of the New York clubs, at the call of Sorosis, for the purpose of forming a state federation, will take place at Sherry's Nov. 19 and 20.

Miss Elizabeth U. Yates is addressing out-door suffrage meetings in Kansas. Her motto is, "Set your traps where the rats are."

Girard, Kan., has three ladies on its board of education, and one of them, Mrs. S. Alice Haldeman, is president.

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